immediately, on hearing the eruption of communal violence at Muzaffarnagar and other places in Uttar Pradesh, the Union Home Minister discussed the matter with the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and assured the State authorities of additional re-inforcements so as to bring the communal situation under control. Various measures to deal with anti-social and communal elements were also discussed with the State auhorities and a general alert to all the State Governments/ UTs was issued who were requested to take suitable measures to alert the district authorities etc. to prevent any outbreak of violence in the concerned States. The Union Home Minister also urged the members of the coordination committee of the Babri Masjid movement to postpone the contemplated march to Ayodhya on 14th October, 1988 and assured that the Governments would try to have a out of court settlement on the Ram Janma Bhoomi/Babri Masjid issue and failing which the legal process will be got expedited. Consequent to this assurance of the Government, the Coordination Committee of the Babri Masjid called off its proposed march to Ayodhya.

Growth of Revenue Expenditure

171. DR. G. VIJAY MOHAN REDDY:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ninth Finance Commission in its report has expressed concern over the growth of revenue expenditure and rapid increase in public Debt;

(b) what is the estimated Public Debt by the end of this year;

(c) what is the estimated revenue deficit for the current financial year as compared to the budgeted figure; and

(d) what steps the Central Government are taking to mitigate the crisis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) In its report, the Ninth Finance Commission has referred to the growth of revenue expenditure and increase in public debt of both Central and State Governments.

(b) According to Budget estimates Public debt of Central Government at the end of 1988-89 is expected to amount to Rs. 139308.61 crores.

(c) and (d) Budget estimates for the current year envisage a revenue deficit of Rs. 7484 crores. The steps taken to control deficit and the revised estimates of deficit will be reflected in the Budget for 1989-90 which will be presented to the Parliament.

Trade Pact signed between India and Cyprus

172. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a trade pact between India and Cyprus was signed in the month of September, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of the articles likely to be imported under this pact?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.